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### **III. Joint Declaration of the American Republics Protesting Violation of Neutrality in Europe**

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“The American Republics in accord with the principles of international law and in application of the resolutions adopted in their inter-American conferences, consider unjustifiable the ruthless violation by Germany of the neutrality and sovereignty of Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg.

“In paragraphs four and five of the Ninth Resolution of the Meeting of Foreign Ministers held at Panama in 1939 entitled ‘Maintenance of International Activities in accordance with Christian Morality’, it was established that the violation of the neutrality or the invasion of weaker nations as a measure in the conduct and success of war warrants the American Republics in protesting against this infraction of international law and the requirements of justice.

“The American Republics therefore resolve to protest against the military attacks directed against Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg, at the same time making an appeal for the reestablishment of law and justice in the relations between countries.”